

The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

Executive Department State of Idaho State Capitol Boise

WHEREAS, Rotary International was founded on February 23, 1905, in Chicago, IL, and is the world's oldest volunteer organization with over 1.2 million member world wide, with 53 clubs in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary motto "Service Above Self" inspires members to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and promote good will and peace in the world; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary has over twenty eight hundred Idaho men and women volunteers across the state proudly contributing their time and talent to sponsor community park and recreation projects, green belts, library books, food baskets for needy, support for youth programs; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary provides communities with scholarships and the opportunity for high school students, college students, and young professionals to study and experience life in another country through International Programs such as Rotary's Youth Exchange, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars, and Group Exchange Program; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary clubs fund projects and sponsors volunteers contributing to worldwide humanitarian efforts including wells for clean water, medical facilities, educational supplies, and job creation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim February 23, 2005, to be

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DAY

in Idaho, and we encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing Rotary's 100 years of service to improving the human conditions in local communities around the world.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this fifteenth day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and five and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-ninth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fifteenth.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE GOVERNOR

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